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News for the Campus Community — April 2007

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## USM Regent, Former State Senator, Entrepreneur to Address Graduates



Francis X. Kelly

*"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value."*—ALBERT EINSTEIN

Francis X. Kelly aptly fits that description, particularly in his more than 25 years of dedicated advocacy and service to the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Values play an integral role in his life story.

That was one of the central reasons Kelly, whose family operates the largest health-benefits administration company in the mid-Atlantic region, was chosen to deliver the keynote address at one of the University's most significant events—its bicentennial commencement ceremonies on May 18.

By celebrating UMB's bicentennial over the next five years, the University honors both the founding of the School of Medicine in 1807 and the official chartering of the University in 1812. It is an exciting opportunity to showcase the often groundbreaking ways the University fulfills its mission to provide excellence in education, research, patient care, and service to the community.

"Through words and deeds, Senator Kelly has shown he is a true believer in the University's mission," notes University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil.

"He has embraced the goals of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, its schools and its programs as if they were his own. Over the years he has taken a personal and active role as a Regent for the University System of Maryland (USM), as chair of the Shock Trauma Center Board of Visitors, during his 12 years in the General Assembly, and now by leading the University Bicentennial Committee," Ramsay adds.

A Brooklyn, New York native, Kelly has put his economics degree from Villanova University to good use. He is chairman and chief executive officer of Kelly &

Associates Insurance Group of Hunt Valley, Md., which he and his wife, Janet, started in the basement of their home in 1976. It is one of the fastest growing privately held companies in Maryland, working with insurance brokers and as benefits administrators for over 12,000 corporate clients with more than \$1 billion in annual premiums.

Kelly is a prolific civic activist, serving on numerous boards and commissions, focusing primarily on University and higher education matters. Throughout the decades, he has been a vocal champion for the University of Maryland Medical System and the University of Maryland, Baltimore and its core values—superior higher education, advanced patient care, and comprehensive community outreach.

During his three terms as a state senator from northern Baltimore County, Kelly was instrumental in working with his close friend, the late R Adams Cowley, MD—the father of Maryland's shock trauma system—to gain state support for a new building and enhanced statewide emergency medical system. In 2000, the University of Maryland School of Medicine

named the nation's first endowed chair of trauma surgery in honor of Kelly for his determined advocacy.

In 1984, Kelly was a key player in legislation to privatize the formerly deficit-ridden University of Maryland Hospital and turned it into the successful, nonprofit University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS). Kelly has been a member of the UMMS Board of Directors since its inception and has chaired the Shock Trauma Center Board of Visitors since its creation.

Following a tragic helicopter crash, Kelly pushed to replace the Maryland State Police MedEvac helicopter fleet and establish effective operating protocols. Also while serving in Annapolis, Kelly emerged as a primary leader in the state's higher education reforms; co-sponsored Maryland's famous automobile "Lemon Law"; supported development of Baltimore's Light Rail transit line; and helped create the Maryland Stadium Authority.

When Baltimore County Executive Dutch Ruppersberger asked him in 1996 to rescue that county's moribund community college system, Kelly stepped in as

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## Social Work Students Seek to Uncork Legislative Support for Bottle Bill



From left to right: School of Social Work students David Gross and Jen Will, who testified on behalf of the bottle bill, with classmates Julia Freed and Devon Snider.

ROSALIA SCALIA

A group of School of Social Work students proposed legislation during the current session of the Maryland General Assembly to help clean up the environment and create jobs by raising the cost of a soft drink by five cents.

Although the proposed legislation

was killed in the House Environmental Matters Committee, the students' "bottle bill" called for the creation of redemption centers where consumers return bottles and cans in exchange for money. According to Jake Weismann, a first-year social work student, more than 250 jobs would have been created across the state.

Based on similar legislation in West Virginia, the bill started as a class project in two classes on community organizing theory and practice taught by Steven Soifer, PhD, an associate professor at the School of Social Work.

"Every year, I give the students a project, and every year, establishing a bottle bill is on the list. But this year, two students in particular—Weismann and Jen Will (a second-year student)—pursued it with fervor," Soifer says.

The students in the two classes merged to form the group Citizens Using Resources Better. House Bill 839 was introduced to the Maryland General Assembly in February by Delegate Peter Hammen (D-46th, Baltimore) and 17 other delegates. It was heard by the Maryland House Environmental Matters Committee on March 7.

"Weismann and Will were major forces in getting the bill to that point," Soifer says.

Social work students are no strangers to the inner workings of

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## Campus Photo Contest Winners Honored

JOANN FAGAN

The winners of the third annual campuswide photo contest were announced at an awards reception held March 15 at the Student Center at Pine Street. First-place winners included Tracy Boyd, senior designer in the Office of External Affairs; Teresa Hsi, a second-year student in the School of Medicine; and Annie Rubens, an events coordinator at the School of Nursing.

The theme for this year's contest was "UMB Past, Present, and Future." During February and March, the campus community had a chance to vote on entries displayed at both the Health Sciences/Human Services Library Weise Gallery and the gallery at the Student Center at Pine Street.

Boyd's photo, "Reclamation Project, Lombard Facade," won in

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## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

It is with great pleasure that I write this message for the VOICE. I have been at the University of Maryland, Baltimore for only seven months, but already I feel very much at home here. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at various campus events, and I feel confident that I will meet many more of you in the months to come at one of the activities that the School of Medicine has planned to celebrate its bicentennial.

The theme for the School of Medicine's 200th anniversary year is "The Enduring Power of Leadership," allowing us to highlight two centuries of impact on teaching, research, patient care, and community service. Our goal is to imprint the University of Maryland School of Medicine's name and reputation on the minds of as many people as possible in the region and nation.

The United States has 125 medical schools, 76 of which are public. Ours is the oldest public medical school and fifth oldest overall. Only the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, Harvard University, and Dartmouth College have celebrated bicentennials, so we are in outstanding company. In addition, and perhaps most importantly, the School of Medicine educates and trains the majority of physicians practicing in Maryland.

Many people ask me, "What day is the bicentennial?" I reply, "Every day in 2007!" For more than two years, representatives of every segment of the School—alumni, faculty, students, staff, and donors—collaborated to plan a broad range of programs emphasizing the School's outstanding progress and enduring leadership capabilities. We launched our bicentennial celebration in November 2006 with a news conference and a birthday party on the lawn of Davidge Hall. Several hundred people from around the University joined us for refreshments that included a cake model of Davidge Hall.



STEVE SPARTANA

E. Albert Reece

In January, the School hosted a breakfast for the Maryland General Assembly; the governor and his Cabinet; University System of Maryland (USM) Chancellor William E. Kirwan, PhD; and University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil. Afterward, delegates presented me with special resolutions honoring the School. On that day, a group of students and faculty visited legislators from their districts, while I had the privilege of being introduced to the members of key legislative committees.

On Feb. 26, the School hosted the first of three bicentennial lectures, all of which are being held at the Hippodrome Theatre. These free, public presentations emphasize the School's research and clinical strengths. Nearly 1,000 people attended the first lecture on diabetes, moderated by Robert Arnot, MD, NBC's chief medical correspondent.

Speakers included Alan Shuldiner, MD, professor of medicine in the School and director of the Program in Genetics and Genomic Medicine; Stephen Bartlett, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Surgery; and James Shapiro, MD, PhD, FRCS, director of the Clinical Islet Transplant Program at the University of Alberta in Canada. I was honored to be a speaker as well, but admittedly, the true star of the evening was Patti LaBelle, who spoke of how her own diabetes diagnosis changed her life.

The enduring power of leadership will be the topic for the second bicentennial lecture on April 26. Featured presenters include baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. and Judith Hicks Stiehm, PhD, political science professor at Florida International University and author of the book, *Champions of Peace: Women Winners of the Nobel Peace Prize*. Arnot, who is working on a documentary about the situation in Sudan, will return for this second lecture to speak about his work establishing clinics in war-torn areas of Africa.

The final lecture in the bicentennial series will be a Sept. 24 symposium on diseases of the central nervous system. Special guests include Nancy Wexler, PhD, the Higgins Professor of Neuropsychology (in Psychiatry, Neurology, and in the Center for Neurobiology and Behavior) at the Columbia University Medical Center and president of the Hereditary Disease Foundation. Wexler will discuss Huntington's disease. Also, Janet Reno, former U.S. attorney general, will talk about living with Parkinson's disease, and former CBS anchorman Mark McEwen will talk about his recovery after a stroke.

Commencement activities for the School of Medicine's 198th graduating class begin Thursday, May 17, with awards ceremonies. The next day—the biggest day of the year—begins with a morning pre-commencement at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, followed by all-day alumni events including the annual Clinicopathological Conference in Davidge Hall, the University's commencement in the afternoon, and a black-tie gala at the Baltimore Convention Center in the evening with entertainment by comedian Dennis Miller.

And finally, the School also is sponsoring a live international radio broadcast of "A Prairie Home Companion" with Garrison Keillor on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Hippodrome. Ticket information for this event will be forthcoming.

This is just a sampling of what the year has in store. Please visit the School of Medicine's bicentennial Web site, [www.sombicentennial.umaryland.edu](http://www.sombicentennial.umaryland.edu) for more information. The Web site features a brief history of the School, "200 Reasons to Celebrate" and an online boutique, the proceeds of which support the School's public service projects this year. For more information, please call 6-2007.

I hope to see you at many of these exciting events.

E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA  
Vice President for Medical Affairs  
John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor  
Dean, School of Medicine

## International Brain Bee Tests Students' Neuroscience Knowledge

JEFFREY RAYMOND

Melody Hu, a 15-year-old junior from Wayzata High School in Plymouth, Minn., won the 2007 International Brain Bee, hosted by the University on March 16 and 17, taking home \$3,000 at the end of a challenging, two-day competition.

The Brain Bee, established in 1998, is part of Brain Awareness Week, an advocacy program of the Society for Neuroscience. The bee draws contestants from across the United States and the world. This year's competition drew 32 contestants, including representatives from Australia, Canada, and India.

Norbert Myslinski, PhD, associate professor in the Dental School's Department of Biomedical Sciences, developed the Brain Bee as part of his quest to boost interest among young people to choose neuroscience as a career, as well as to advance appreciation for the subject among the general public. Other brain-centric efforts he oversees

include a summer research program for high school students, brain art and brain literature projects, and a variety of school and community presentations on neuroscience.

"The future needs more neuroscientists to help fight in this war that we have against neurological diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease, and the more than a thousand other kinds of neurological disease that we have," says Myslinski. "This competition is mainly to motivate young people to open up a book about the human brain, read it, and inspire them to consider a career in neuroscience."

After a two-hour practical exam March 16 at the School of Medicine to kick off this year's bee, students traveled by bus to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, where they spent an afternoon taking exams and attending briefings. After returning to Baltimore for dinner, they had yet another set of Brain Bee exams.

Competition resumed the next day with exams at the Dental School, campus tours, and presentations. It wasn't until about 9 p.m., in the new Dental School building, that the 2007 International Brain Bee concluded, and Hu was declared the winner. Along with her \$3,000 cash prize, Hu won a trip for two to the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Los Angeles, a trophy, and the chance to conduct summer research in the lab with a neuroscientist from the University.

Other finalists included Sanat Sethi of New Jersey representing the North South



NORBERT MYSLINSKI

Melody Hu of Plymouth, Minn., won the International Brain Bee hosted by the University.

Foundation, Burr Ridge, Ill.; Morgan Bell of Thomas Jefferson High School, Alexandria, Va.; Carol Cui of The University of Toronto Schools, Toronto, Canada; and Tim Mew of St. Paul's School, Brisbane, Australia.

In addition to the University and the Society for Neuroscience, supporters for the event include the Thadikonda Research Foundation in Frederick, Md., which helps fight cerebral palsy and aids families afflicted by that neurological disease.

## Commencement

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board chairman for the next 10 years. He not only consolidated three previously independent colleges into a single institution—the largest in Maryland—he helped gain accreditation for the Community College of Baltimore County and national awards for financial management and academic achievement.

During that same period, Kelly was vice chairman of the Morgan State University Board of Regents for 14 years until former Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. appointed him to the USM Board of Regents.

"In many ways, Kelly embodies the spirit of the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the values we hope to impart to our graduates," says T. Sue Gladhill, MSW, the University's vice president for External Affairs. "We are very excited about having him as our commencement speaker during this bicentennial year."

The University's commencement exercises begin at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 18, at the 1st Mariner Arena. Doors open at 1 p.m. for graduates and guests. No tickets are required.

### UMB COOKBOOK KICKOFF

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# Scholarship Honors Law School Alumna’s Dedication to Children and Families

LORI ROMER

Peter Holland, JD, adjunct professor at the School of Law, hopes that one day the “Gallagher Scholar” will become as significant as a Rhodes Scholar, a Skadden Fellow, or any other prestigious educational endowment.

Holland, a 1992 School of Law graduate, established the scholarship at the School last year in memory of his wife, Anne Barlow Gallagher. The 1994 alumna, who died of cancer in 2004 at the age of 38, devoted her legal career to working with children and families. Ryan Palmer is the inaugural winner of the scholarship.

“Anne Gallagher gave so many children and their families a reason to smile. It is an honor to carry on her legacy through this scholarship,” says Palmer, who has a background in early child care and education. The first-year law student wants to use her legal education to guarantee expanding opportunities for young children.

“It’s a wonderful legacy for Anne, who was so committed to making a difference,” Holland says. “This scholarship will enable the training of lawyers who are dedicated to

working with children and families in need of advocacy and assistance.”

A few months after Gallagher’s death, the School established the Anne Barlow Gallagher Prize for Service to Children and Youth, which is given to an outstanding student in one of the School’s many law clinics. The scholarship was conceived in the fall of 2005.

“Peter came to us and said he had donations from Anne’s family, friends, and co-workers, and he wanted to do something more in her memory,” says Richard Boldt, JD, professor at the School who taught both Holland and Gallagher. “He wanted to produce the next generation of Anne Gallaghers, and he and Anne’s parents have taken a very active role in making that happen. They want to make sure that it’s not just a name.”

“We are deeply touched to see Anne’s legacy take shape here,” says Karen H. Rothenberg, JD, MPA, dean of the School of Law and Marjorie Cook Professor of Law, who knew Gallagher. “With this scholarship, Anne’s life, passion, and commitment will live on forever through the dedication of these students to public service.”

## A Commitment to Children

Anne Barlow Gallagher and Peter Holland met in 1984, when they were students at Bard College in New York. After graduation, Gallagher’s work with students in Baltimore’s public school system and with young children at a state psychiatric hospital inspired her to go to law school.

“Anne saw a lot of kids in the legal system that needed an advocate in matters of school discipline and medical issues,” says Holland. “She decided the best way to help them would be as a lawyer working for systemic changes.”

“She knew she wanted to further the interests of children in danger,” Professor Richard Boldt, JD, says. “Her work throughout her life was just a seamless commitment to children. She became an amazing lawyer and advocate.”

Gallagher focused on children’s issues as a clinic student and as an Asper Fellow. She also received a grant from the Maryland Public Interest Law Project to work at a nonprofit organization for a summer.

Holland says the education and support Gallagher received at the University was “invaluable—all the programs at the School really fostered her interests in child advocacy.”



James Kaper



Kelly Priest



Deborah Rejent

# Schools Appoint New Department Chair, Director, Associate Dean

## School of Medicine

James Kaper, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the School of Medicine. Kaper has been a member of the School’s faculty since 1981, most recently serving as a professor of microbiology and immunology, and medicine; associate director for laboratory research; and chief of the bacterial genetics section at the Center for Vaccine Development. He also has served as co-director of the Host Defenses and Infectious Diseases medical student course.

“Dr. Kaper is a scholar who has made international contributions to the world’s vaccine development program, having developed the first genetically engineered bacterial vaccine licensed for human use,” says E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, University of Maryland vice president for medical affairs, John Z and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor, and dean of the School of Medicine. “He is one of the nation’s leading investigators in his discipline and one of the University of Maryland School of Medicine’s top researchers in terms of federal funding.”

Funded continuously by the National Institutes of Health as a principal investigator since 1982, Kaper has earned five U.S. patents and multiple international patents for his work on cholera vaccines and *E. coli*.

“The University of Maryland School of Medicine has long been known for its strength in the area of infectious diseases,

and there is tremendous potential to develop an outstanding basic science program in pathogen-host interactions,” Kaper says. “My goal is to build on the Department of Microbiology and Immunology’s existing strengths to raise it into the top 20 such departments in research, while maintaining our strong teaching program in medical and graduate student education.”

Kaper earned his undergraduate and doctoral degrees from the University of Maryland, College Park. He completed postdoctoral work at the University of Washington in Seattle in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

—BECKY CERAUL

## School of Pharmacy

Kelly Priest is the new director of development for special gifts and programs in the School of Pharmacy. She comes from Goucher College, where she was director of development operations and research since July 2002.

In her new role, Priest identifies and draws donors to the School of Pharmacy, focusing on gifts of \$1,000 to \$25,000. She is developing short- and long-term strategies for increasing both participation and levels of giving to the School’s annual fund, and she plans to create programs for stewardship and recognition of donors.

Michele Ewing, executive director of development for the School, says Priest

brings “a full complement of research, stewardship, and donor relation experience” to her new role.

Still, Priest says, “I really see this position as a great learning opportunity. I feel very fortunate to work with a group of professionals who have great experience and vision for the upcoming campaign. I’m very much looking forward to meeting the alumni of the School and hope my efforts can help an already esteemed program reach even greater heights.”

—CHRIS ZANG

## School of Social Work

Deborah Rejent, DSW, MSSW, MA, has been named the new associate dean of the master’s program at the School of Social Work. Rejent has been with the School since 1994.

Her areas of expertise and research interest include clinical social work education, psychoanalytic practice, the role of mental health professionals in collaborative law interdisciplinary teams, and mindfulness-based practices for stress reduction.

“I want to make this the absolutely best social work program possible,” Rejent says. “Believing we can succeed is only the first step. We must continue to improve upon what the School offers the students and stay current with the latest research and teaching methods.”

Under the direction of Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, the dean of the School, Rejent says she is confident her goal is attainable. “We have a strong, dynamic leader, and the School of Social Work is known for its excellence in child welfare initiatives and more,” she says. “Our School prepares the vast majority of the social workers for the state of Maryland, and our graduates serve in most areas of human service delivery in this state. As a School, the faculty, students, and administration will continue to strive to achieve excellence in service to our communities.”

Rejent earned a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a master’s and a doctoral degree in social work from Columbia University.

—CHRIS ZANG

## UMB IN THE NEWS

**Jacquelyn Fried, RDH, MS**, an associate professor and director of the dental hygiene program at the **Dental School**, told *The Washington Post* that some of the demand for dental hygienists can be attributed to current research showing a strong connection between oral health and overall health. “It’s a flexible career,” she says. Darlene Peterson, a student at the School, added, “It’s starting to sink in—the connection between oral health and the health of your body.”

**Sherrilyn Ifill, JD**, associate professor at the **School of Law**, discussed her new book, *On the Courthouse Lawn: Confronting the Legacy of Lynching in the Twenty-first Century*, on several media outlets, including the radio program, “The Brian Lehrer Show,” carried on two New York City radio stations.

**Feng Jiang, MD, PhD**, assistant professor at the **School of Medicine**, was interviewed by *WOAI.com* (San Antonio) and *WHDH.com* (Boston) about his research on how genetic material coughed up with phlegm can be tested and used as an early detection method for lung cancer. “There is an urgent need to develop reliable early diagnostic biomarkers for lung cancer that can be detected noninvasively,” said Jiang.

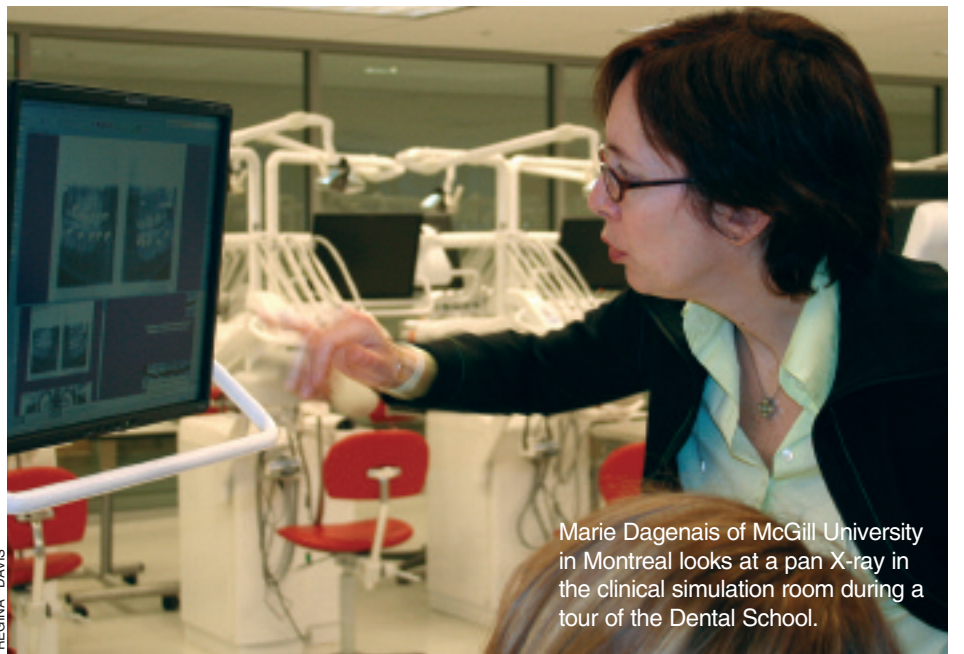
In *The* (Montgomery County) *Gazette’s* “Guide to Healthcare” supplement, **Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN**, dean of the **School of Nursing**, said she believes Maryland’s nursing vacancy rate has stabilized at 10 percent because of efforts by hospitals to hire more people and schools to increase their enrollments. But, she added, “We can’t enroll more students until there are more faculty.”

This fall, the **School of Pharmacy** will offer degree programs at the University System of Maryland’s Shady Grove campus, reported *The* (Montgomery County) *Gazette*. “The move to Shady Grove is also giving the School of Pharmacy a foothold in Montgomery County to establish economic development here in collaboration with the biotech community and other health care organizations,” said **David A. Knapp, PhD**, dean of the School.

Following the recall of potentially contaminated ready-to-eat chicken breast strips, Baltimore television station *WJZ* spoke with **J. Glenn Morris Jr., MD, MPH&TM**, interim dean of the new **School of Public Health**, and **Michael Taylor, PhD**, professor at the **School of Medicine**, about food safety.

**Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW**, dean of the **School of Social Work**, wrote in a letter to the editor in *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, “The Social Work Community Outreach Service endeavors, each day, to work with children who have chronically high absenteeism, their families, and school personnel to reduce truancy.” Barth also wrote that, according to preliminary data, 85 percent of public school students who have at least four sessions with the program’s social workers during an academic year maintain a 90 percent or higher attendance rate.

## New Dental School Facilities, Technology Draw Visitors



REGINA LAVETTE DAVIS

Representatives from some of the world's leading dental schools have visited the University's newly opened Dental School building recently to catch a glimpse of the profession's latest and most advanced technologies.

In February, the Dental School hosted guests from the McGill University Faculty of Dentistry in Montreal. Visitors included James Lund, PhD, dean; Jeffrey Myers, DDS, associate dean of clinical affairs; Marie Dagenais, DMD, Dip. Rad., associate dean of academic affairs and director of the Division of Radiology; and Samer Abi Nader, DMD, director of the Division of Restorative Dentistry.

Christian S. Stohler, DMD, DrMedDent, dean of the Dental School, gave the visitors detailed information regarding the School and its operations.

Others who met with the McGill representatives included Ward Massey, BDS, PhD, associate dean of academic affairs; Gary Hack, DDS, director of simulation research; Linda Otis, DDS, professor; Harry Goodman, DDS, chair of the clinical operations board; Chhaya Shah, director of clinic information systems; Monica Schneider, DDS, MS, assistant professor; and Kate McManus, director of facilities.

Myers said that McGill is incorporating more digital technology into its dental program. Abi Nader, who was eager to investigate the new equipment, called his visit "an enlightening experience."

"Every time I go online to investigate a new innovation, I see Maryland's name right

there. I was very anxious to come here," he said.

The Canadian faculty members also gave a presentation to members of the Dental School faculty highlighting the curriculum and clinical environment of McGill University's dental program.

Evidence-based dentistry is important at McGill. "Our whole curriculum is based on evidence," Lund said. Abi Nader added, "We continuously bring forth whatever is demonstrated by evidence."

Lund, who had visited the Dental School during construction of the new facility, said, "It's wonderful to see how it turned out. It's impressive—probably the best preclinical setup in the world. It's a great model for others to examine and emulate in total or in part, which is why we came."

"There's an enthusiasm about this place among the faculty," said Dagenais. Abi Nader added, "You have a wonderful core facility. There are a lot of nice machines, but it's the people who make the difference."

Eric Levine, DDS, a visiting clinical professor at the Dental School, enjoyed the opportunity to discuss dental operations with his peers. "It was wonderful to visit with the faculty from McGill," he said. "It is encouraging to hear about all that can be accomplished when a group of individuals share a vision."

In addition to visitors from McGill, the Dental School hosted representatives in February from the Seoul National University School of Dentistry in Korea. Guests from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Massachusetts came for a day-long tour and meetings in March.



LAURELS

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The Rotary Club of Maryland has selected **David Shih, MD, MS**, a resident in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, to participate in a group study exchange with the Rotary Club of Russia. He and five other young health care professionals will be in the Russian Federation from May 25 to June 17 to learn about the Russian public health system. They will represent Maryland and the U.S. as goodwill ambassadors.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Todd Ambrosia, PhD, MSN, CRNP**, assistant professor and director of the Division of Family Primary Care, recently completed a fellowship in integrative medicine at the University of Arizona School of Nursing. The two-year program, which includes training in botanical medicine, mind-body interactions, and nutrition, was launched in 2000 by integrative medicine pioneer Andrew Weil, MD. Ambrosia is board certified in family practice and sports medicine.

**Suzanne Feetham, PhD, RN, FAAN**, a visiting professor in the Department of Family and Community Health, has been elected to the board of directors of the American Academy of Nursing.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

**Thomas Dowling, PharmD, PhD**, associate professor, has been elected a member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology. Dowling directs the School of Pharmacy’s Renal Clinical Pharmacology Lab.

**Kelly Summers, PharmD**, and **Kristin Watson, PharmD**, assistant professors in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, have been designated board-certified pharmacotherapy specialists.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

**Caroline Long Burry, PhD**, associate professor and **Lois Wright, EdD**, wrote “Facilitating Visitation for Infants with Prenatal Substance Exposure” for the *Child Welfare Journal*.

**Jodi Jacobson, PhD**, associate professor, wrote “Compassion Fatigue, Compassion Satisfaction, and Burnout: Reactions Among Employee Assistance Professionals Providing Workplace Crisis Intervention and Disaster Management Services,” for the *Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health*.

Operations, Maintenance Loses Longtime Supervisor



Preston Brown

MARY SPIRO

Preston Brown, 60, a work controller supervisor in the Department of Operations and Maintenance, died suddenly March 10. Brown had worked for the University for more than 33 years. Brown was responsible for alerting supervisors to critical calls and deciding which shop was best equipped to handle each call.

Robert Rowan, MS, assistant vice president for Facilities Management, says Brown was the “voice of Facilities Management, answering calls and complaints with concern and a desire to please. His smile and sense of humor could keep any crisis in perspective.”

Jesse Ingram, assistant director of support services, says Brown’s “immense

experience made him invaluable to the department; he will never be replaced.”

Ronn Wade, director of Anatomical Services in the School of Medicine, began his career at the University at about the same time as Brown. “I had a lot of respect for Preston, as I do for the other guys in the shop, because I could not do what I do without them,” Wade says. “Preston was the ‘go-to’ man when it came to getting things done on campus. In addition, he was very well liked and will be sorely missed.”

Brown is survived by his wife, Brenda Brown, who works at the School of Nursing; a daughter, Erica Brown; a son, Cantrell Brown; and three grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Linda Brown, a housekeeper in the Department of General Services.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Hope Lodge, 636 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

IT’S A MATCH!

School of Medicine graduating student **Michael Gober**, left, learned where he will do his residency training program at March 15 Match Day ceremonies in Davidge Hall.

“Match Day is the day that most physicians remember for the rest of their lives, because it represents the gateway to their chosen career,” says **Donna Parker, MD**, associate dean for Student Affairs and a clinical professor in the School of Medicine.



MARK TESKE



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### Organize Citations with RefWorks

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RefWorks, which is Web-based, allows users to create, manage, and organize a personal database of citations and easily generate reference lists in a variety of citation styles. Also, due to additional funding from the School of Social Work, users can share their citations using the RefShare feature. HS/HSL offers training sessions on how to use RefWorks; this month's sessions will be held at HS/HSL on April 10 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and April 26 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Room LL05. During training, users create an account, add citations to a database, learn how to automatically insert in-text citations, and build bibliographies. For more information about RefWorks and to register for an upcoming class, visit <http://www.hshsl.umaryland.edu/resources/refworks/>.

### Nursing School Launches Strategic Plan

The School of Nursing recently launched its 2007-2011 Strategic Plan—a plan built on the foundation of the 2003-2006 Strategic Plan. The new plan aims to reaffirm the School's previously stated initiatives: to prepare nursing leaders to shape and influence the profession of nursing and health care; to advance research through integration and

collaboration; to establish global health projects in education, research, and practice; and to promote an environment that embodies the School's values.

While the former plan provided the groundwork and a vision for how the School's community would work together, says Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing, the new plan further advances the School of Nursing by consistently analyzing its successes and challenges, and refining and defining its education, research, and practice missions.

"The 2007-2011 Strategic Plan is highly ambitious and represents bold decisions and directions for the School," Allan adds. "By focusing on our mission, striving to achieve our vision, and using this new plan to provide direction, we are certain to achieve our goals. In doing so, we will contribute to the history of nursing education and research, while elevating the profession of nursing and improving the health and wellness of countless individuals worldwide."

### CareFirst Makes Donation to Governor's Wellmobile Program

The Governor's Wellmobile Program, operated by the School of Nursing, recently received a \$50,000 contribution from CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) to help support the program's operation. This is the second time CareFirst has made a donation to the Wellmobile Program, the first being a \$250,000 gift in 2005.

The Wellmobile Program, which started in 1994 as a public/private partnership, consists of four mobile health clinics that travel

throughout the state of Maryland providing primary health care services to uninsured and underserved citizens. Staffed by family nurse practitioners, the Wellmobiles also serve as venues for School of Nursing students—at both the undergraduate and graduate level where clinical skills are honed—to gain experience in a community health setting. In Fiscal Year 2006, the Wellmobile Program provided services to more than 6,000 Marylanders, saving the state an estimated \$1.6 million to \$2.1 million in avoided emergency room visits.

"CareFirst understands and supports the need to address health disparities by providing basic primary care to underserved communities," says Gregory A. Devou, CareFirst's executive vice president and chief marketing officer. "We are proud to partner with the School of Nursing to offer health care to those communities and to help provide 'hands-on' learning experiences for nursing students."

"We are grateful to CareFirst for their continued support of the Wellmobile Program, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with them," says Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing. "As a health care organization, they understand and are willing to invest in quality health care for all members of our society, as well as optimal educational opportunities for the next generation of nurses."

### Discounted MTA Passes Available

A discounted monthly MTA pass is available for students, faculty, and staff through

Parking and Commuter Services. Stop by the office at 622 W. Fayette St., 2nd Floor (Pearl Garage) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or call 6-6603 for more information.

### Web Site Launches for Postdocs

The University recently launched a Web site exclusively for current or potential campus postdoctoral scholars—UMB Post-Doc Net. Through the network, University postdocs can communicate with postdocs from other disciplines on campus, as well as access important career and personal development resources. The site features a newsletter, an online discussion board, links to postdoctoral-related information and resources, calendars containing details on career development seminars, listings of available postdoctoral positions on campus, and the ability to create and maintain a Web page similar to those provided to University faculty members. For more information about the UMB Post-Doc Net, visit <http://postdoc.umaryland.edu>.

### Annapolis Courier Service Available

A one-way courier service from the University's Office of Government and Community Affairs in Annapolis to the Baltimore campus is operating during the 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The service runs until April 12. Although subject to change, mail is usually picked up from 44 West St., Annapolis, at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and delivered to the University's mailroom by 1:45 p.m.

For more information, contact Diane Lopez in the Office of External Affairs at 410-269-5087 or [dlopez@umaryland.edu](mailto:dlopez@umaryland.edu).

# Nursing School Loses Innovative Leader

PAT ADAMS

Debra Spunt, DNP, MS, RN, FAAN, an assistant professor and director of the Clinical Simulation Laboratories at the School of Nursing, died of cancer March 9 at Gilchrist Center for Hospice Care. She was 50.

Spunt was nationally and internationally recognized for her knowledge, expertise, and leadership in clinical simulation—the use of computerized human patient simulators and patient care scenarios to educate nurses and other health care providers. She was responsible for the design, administration, and management of the School’s 28 clinical simulation laboratories, considered the pre-eminent nursing student learning labs in the world. Last fall, the Laerdal Medical Corporation named the School of Nursing a Center of Excellence in Simulation Education.

As director of the labs, Spunt collaborated with faculty on the integration of simulation into the nursing curriculum, helping to prepare thousands of nurses worldwide. She also was responsible for teaching, research, partnerships, consultation, and recruitment.

A faculty member since 1984, Spunt earned a bachelor of science in nursing in

1979 and a master of science in 1983 from the School of Nursing. Earlier this year, she received a certificate of completion for the doctor of nursing practice from the School.

“Debbie Spunt has touched thousands of lives, and we were very fortunate to have someone of her caliber serve on our faculty and direct our simulation labs,” says Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing. “She will not only be missed for her extraordinary work in the area of clinical simulation, but also as an outstanding teacher, colleague, and dear friend to all who have come to know her.”

A fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, Spunt was also a member of the American Nurses Association, the Maryland Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the National League of Nursing, and the Maryland League for Nurses. She co-founded the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning and served as its first president.

She is survived by a daughter, Ellen Spunt, an aunt and uncle, and many friends.

To honor Spunt’s contributions to the School and the nursing profession, and to celebrate her passion for promoting the use



RICK LIPPENHOLZ

Debra Spunt

of clinical simulation in nursing education, practice, and research, the Debra L. Spunt Clinical Simulation Practice and Research Endowment fund has been established. Contributions can be made to UMBF/Spunt Endowment, and sent to the University of Maryland School of Nursing, Office of Development, 655 W. Lombard St., Room 727, Baltimore, Md. 21201. For more information about the endowment, call Myrna Peterson at 6-4008.

# McCulle Honored as Employee of the Month

JOANN FAGAN

Stacey McCulle was recently recognized as the University’s Employee of the Month. David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, University president, presented McCulle with the award for January.

A research assistant in the School of Medicine’s Department of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology, McCulle was nominated by Mandeep Mehra, MD, FACC, FACP, professor and head of the Division of Cardiology, and Stephen Gottlieb, MD, professor of medicine. In their nomination letter, Mehra and Gottlieb noted McCulle’s “willingness to take the initiative, her exceptional work ethic,” and “her enthusiasm to help develop and drive forward and set in motion new scientific projects” that span multiple departments and investigators.

McCulle is currently spearheading the development of a comprehensive database that will link the research interests of several investigators in cardiology, physiology, and cardiac surgery.

“As Dr. Mehra and the Division of

Cardiology continue to develop a translational cardiovascular sciences research program, the most important part of my job is to assist in the integration of basic science and clinical research,” says McCulle. “Basic science and clinical research have different cultures, work flows, and regulatory concerns; merging these two worlds is an exciting challenge.”

Frank Calia, MD, MACP, professor emeritus and acting chair of the Department of Medicine, cited McCulle’s outstanding contributions during her five years in his department, most notably her ongoing development of bridges between the research programs in cardiology and other departments, including physiology and cardiac surgery.

“I enjoy working in this enthusiastic team environment, which is committed to developing a translational research program,” McCulle says. “The team mentality extends from the clinic to the research labs across the bridge in the School of Medicine. The caliber of my co-workers’ effort enthu- ses us to do everything a little better than the day before.”



JENNILYN MAULER

Stacey McCulle with University President David J. Ramsay.

# Combating Childhood Obesity

Earlier this year, students from across campus participated in a two-day intensive course, “Combating Childhood Obesity: An Opportunity for Interdisciplinary Action,” at the School of Social Work.

Six master’s students in the Maternal and Child Health Leadership Development Program (MCH) were responsible for the development and management of the course. They include, shown at right from left to right: Juliet Wise, Deirdre Moore, Jessica Smith, Angela Cameron, Meaghan Dwyer-McNally, and Suzanne Gilbert. The leadership development program is one of three national centers supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

The innovative educational program, created by the students, enhances leadership skills through the establishment of academic-community partnerships focusing on interdisciplinary practice and service delivery.

Participants gained practical experience communi-



OTIMA DOYLE

cating with fellow professionals and local middle school students on the sensitive topic of childhood obesity. The MCH students are under the direct supervision of the Maternal and Child Health predoctoral fellow, Otima Doyle, MSW, LCSW-C, not pictured. The project is directed by Edward Pecukonis, PhD, associate professor at the School of Social Work, also not pictured.



# Global Clinical Symposium Highlights Environmental Law Program’s 20th Anniversary

LORI ROMER

The School of Law’s Environmental Law Program is celebrating its 20th anniversary this month. The centerpiece of the commemoration is an international symposium spotlighting the work of environmental law clinics throughout the world.

The 2007 Ward Kershaw Environmental Law Symposium, April 11-13, will gather environmental and public health clinicians and public interest lawyers to learn how clinical education can be used as a tool to protect public health and the environment. A broad array of global environmental and public health issues will be addressed, including urban redevelopment, sanitation, infectious disease, global air and water pollution, and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.

“This conference comes at a crucial time. The world is experiencing unprecedented industrial and urban growth accompanied by increasing threats to the environment and public health,” says Robert Percival, JD, MA, professor at the School of Law and a conference organizer. “Despite the challenges, there is hope that progress can be made, and clinical legal education is creating an important vehicle for delivering global responses.”

At the symposium, clinicians from across the world will discuss their work and explore ways to improve global collaboration. Wang Canfa, PhD, one of China’s top public interest environmental lawyers and superintendent of the Institute for Environment and Resource Law at China University of Political Science and Law, will deliver the symposium’s keynote address.

“International cooperation is essential to ensuring that proposed solutions become a reality,” says Percival. “This conference will provide a forum for international cooperation, with the goal of creating partnerships and cooperative projects among countries throughout the world.”

The Ward Kershaw Environmental Law Symposium was established by a gift to the University of Maryland’s Environmental Law Program from the Baltimore law firm of Ward, Kershaw LLP. The celebration of the Environmental Law Program’s 20th anniversary also will include an alumni reunion, a gala dinner at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, and a wine-tasting party. For more information on the Environmental Law Program and the conference, visit <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/specialty/environment/index.asp>.



Samuel Chambers Jr.

## Chambers Delivers Lisansky Lecture

Samuel Chambers Jr., MPA, director of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services (BCDSS), presented the 13th Annual Dr. Ephraim T. Lisansky Lecture on March 5 at the School of Social Work. In his lecture, “B-FAC (Baltimore-Family Asset Center): A Model for Improved Services to Children,” Chambers described his methods of preventing the “silo effect,” in which multiple social workers deal with elements of the same case but don’t communicate with each other.

Chambers was appointed to the BCDSS in November 2004. He has served as president and chief executive officer of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, which provides services to homeless, underemployed, and drug dependent people who suffer from an array of other issues.

“I am an agent of change,” said Chambers. “I came to Baltimore to make systemic changes that strengthen communities and families to improve outcomes for Baltimore’s most vulnerable populations.”

CALENDAR

**April 10:** Campus Recognition and Community Service Awards Luncheon, honoring length of service, employees of the month, and employee of the year. By invitation, noon, Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards, 110 S. Eutaw St. For more information, contact James Abrams, employee/labor relations specialist, at 6-7302.

**April 11-13:** “Globalizing Clinical Education to Protect the World’s Health and Environment,” the School of Law 2007 Ward Kershaw Environmental Law Symposium. For registration information, visit <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/specialty/environment/WardKershaw07>.

**April 12:** 2007 University Athletic Center Health Fair for students, faculty, and staff. Featuring seated massage, exercise demonstrations, informational tables, and health and wellness screenings on a first-come, first-serve basis. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Medical School Teaching Facility atrium, free. For more information, call the University Athletic Center at 6-3902.

**April 13:** “Older Youth Leaving Foster Care: Old Dilemmas, New Insights, Fresh Solutions,” School of Social Work Louise and Abraham Makofsky Lecture with Curtis McMillen, PhD, research professor at the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis and associate director of the Center for Mental Health Services. 9 a.m. (8 a.m. reception), School of Social Work auditorium, free or \$20 for continuing education credit. For more information, visit [http://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/Forms/generic\\_forms/makofsky\\_registration\\_form.htm](http://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/Forms/generic_forms/makofsky_registration_form.htm).

**April 19-April 20:** “Your Practice Based on Evidence: Impacting Patient Care and Outcomes,” fourth annual conference co-sponsored by the School of Nursing and the Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System. Featured speakers include Kathleen Stevens, RN, EdD, FAAN, Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice, the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; Anna C. Alt-White, RN, PhD, program director-research, Office of Nursing Services, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Carolyn Clancy, MD, director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Nursing contact hours/continuing education credits apply. To register, visit <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/events/ebp/index.htm> or contact the School of Nursing Office of Professional Development and Continuing Education at 6-3767 or via e-mail at [ce@son.umaryland.edu](mailto:ce@son.umaryland.edu).

**April 20:** Graduate Research Conference 2007 hosted by the Graduate Student Association. Showcases ongoing research from graduate students, trainees, and postdocs from a variety of scientific disciplines. Keynote speaker, Alan Leshner, CEO for the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the executive publisher of *Science* magazine. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Medical School Teaching Facility I, free. For more information, visit <http://graduate.umaryland.edu/gsa/grc/index.html> or call Tom McHugh at 6-6041.

**April 22:** “Reverence for Life” concert/symposium. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Albert Schweitzer’s “Declaration of Conscience” and celebrating the community service work of the Albert Schweitzer fellows. 2 p.m., Westminster Hall, free.

**April 22-28:** National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. The Care Clinic at the School of Medicine’s Department of Pediatrics, the Child Protection Team, Department of Social Work, and Violence Prevention Program at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), will sponsor informational booths to promote community awareness of the needs and rights of victims of crime. Displays will be open during business hours in the UMMC atrium and near the cafeteria, free.

**April 23:** Annual University Benefits Fair. Learn about benefit updates prior to open enrollment for Fiscal Year 2008 (May 7–24). Includes free vendor giveaways and raffles. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Medical School Teaching Facility auditorium, free. For more information, visit <http://www.hr.umaryland.edu/benefits>.

**April 24:** Bicentennial Event: State of the School Address. E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, vice president for medical affairs and dean of the School of Medicine. 3-4 p.m. (reception follows), Medical School Teaching Facility auditorium, free. For more information, call Jean Hinton at 6-7410.

**April 24:** *UMB Cooks* cookbook kickoff, featuring Dave Durian and Doug Roberts, hosts of the radio segment “Beltway Gourmet” on WBAL. Area chefs and University personalities will prepare and serve samples of food from cookbook recipes, while quantities last. *UMB Cooks* will be available for \$18.07. Noon-1:30 p.m., Westminster Hall, free. To order *UMB Cooks*, call 6-8035.

**April 26:** Bicentennial Event: The Enduring Power of Leadership. Baseball

Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr.; Judith Hicks Stiehm, PhD, political science professor at Florida International University and author of *Champions of Peace: Women Winners of the Nobel Peace Prize*; and Robert Arnot, MD, NBC’s chief medical correspondent. Reception, 5:30-6:45 p.m., presentation, 7-9 p.m., Hippodrome Theatre, free. For more information, visit <http://www.sombicentennial.umaryland.edu/home.html>.

**May 1:** School of Pharmacy Phi Delta Chi Charity/Scholarship Golf Tourney, Oakmont Green Golf Course, Hampstead, Md. \$450 per four-person team, \$125 per single player, \$85 for students. Contact Adam Bress at [abres001@umaryland.edu](mailto:abres001@umaryland.edu) for more information.

**May 8:** “Pharmacogenetics of Membrane Transporters: From Single Nucleotide Polymorphism Discovery to Clinical Drug Response,” the School of Pharmacy Ellis S. Grollman Lecture with Kathleen Giacomini, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Biopharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of California, San Francisco. 2 p.m., Medical School Teaching Facility auditorium, free.

Bottle Bill

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the state legislature and the impact of legislation on people. Each year on March 1, about 300 social work students from colleges and universities across the state gather in Annapolis to meet with legislators, participate in workshops, and march in a rally on Lawyers’ Mall (also known as State House Square).  
The focus of this year’s advocacy day was health care access among vulnerable populations. Faculty from the University of Maryland School of Social Work moderated panel discussions and conducted workshops for students on how to become better advocates for social work clients.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

May 7-24

UNIVERSITY BENEFITS FAIR

April 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

MSTF auditorium

FREE

Photo Contest

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the “present” category. Rubens’ photo of Davidge Hall took first-place for the “past” category and also received the Viewers’ Choice Award. Hsi won in all three categories with photos, “Pre-virtual Times,” “The City Celebrates,” and “Application of Study,” and for her black and white self-portrait, in the current student competition.  
In addition, Rubens; Rebekah Owens, an administrative assistant from the School of Law’s communications and events department; and Bruno Jham, DDS, MS, a postdoctoral student at the Dental School, received second-place awards. Owens and Hsi also received honorable mentions. Prizes included bicentennial-related awards, gift certificates to the University Athletic Center, and postage stamps featuring the award-winning photos of two of the contest winners.  
The Office of the President, the School of Medicine Bicentennial Advisory Committee, the University Athletic Center, Auxiliary Services, and Student Services sponsor the annual photo contest.

From the top, photos by Annie Rubens, Tracy Boyd, and Teresa Hsi.



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